GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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NEW METHOD OF TAPPING RUBBER
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rubber Board has introduced a new method of tapping rubber;

(b) whether this un-conventional way of tapping rubber enhances production substantially;

(c) whether this method of tapping rubber is called the `Inclined Upward Tapping` (IUT);

(d) whether there is any plan to extend this method to all plantations; and

(e) if so, the estimate of enhanced production?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) to (e) : Yes, Sir. Rubber Board has introduced a new method of tapping called Controlled Upward Tapping (CUT) in 1991. CUT was originally introduced in Malaysia in 1976. Adoption of CUT has been found to increase yield by 40%. Almost all the large estates and a number of progressive small growers have adopted CUT. Rubber Board is now vigorously promoting CUT amongst small growers.